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Amherst Professor Is Suing C.I.A.

An Amherst College sociology professor, Norman Birnbaum, has filed suit in Federal Court in Brooklyn against the Central Intelligence Agency, charging its agents with invading his privacy by an unreasonable search and seizure of his papers. Professor Birnbaum, who is seeking \$50,000 in damages, charged that letters he mailed in September 1970 to colleagues in Bucharest and Moscow had been opened and copied by the C.I.A. and were still being kept in C.I.A. files.